

Claims:

1. A system for collecting and distributing an edition of a work, comprising:

an input module that receives an input file in a particular format, the input module further comprising a module that validates the input file and converts the input file into an intermediate format file;

a storage device comprising a storage portion that stores the intermediate format file and a storage portion into which a piece of work metadata associated with the input file is stored; and

a conversion module that generates one or more editions of a work having one or more formats, the one or more editions of the work being generated based on the intermediate format file and the work metadata.

2. The system of Claim 1, wherein the storage device further comprises a storage portion that stores a piece of form metadata associated with the intermediate format file, the form metadata specifying a form of an edition of the work.

3. The system of Claim 1 further comprising a distribution module that distributes the one or more editions of the work.

4. The system of Claim 3, wherein the distribution module further comprising a plurality of distribution channels wherein each distribution channel receives a different edition of the work.

5. The system of Claim 3, wherein the distribution module further comprises a web site into which the one or more editions of the work are loaded wherein the one or more editions of the work are available for download from the web site.

6. The system of Claim 3, wherein the distribution module distributes the one or more editions of the work to a wireless device.

7. The system of Claim 3, wherein the distribution module distributes the one or more editions of the work over a Bluetooth communications link.

8. The system of Claim 1 further comprising a template storage device that stores one or more templates that transform the intermediate format file into an edition of the work.

9. The system of Claim 8, wherein the template further comprises an XSLFO style sheet.

10. The system of Claim 1, wherein an edition of the work further comprises an edition containing a subset of the work metadata associated with the intermediate format file.

11. The system of Claim 1 further comprising a module that collects feedback about the editions of the work that are stored in the storage device.

12. The system of Claim 11, wherein the feedback for an edition further comprises one or more of a number of copies of an edition sold, a sales price of an edition, a geographic distribution of the edition and a demographics of final users of the edition.

13. A computer implemented method for collecting and distributing an edition of a work, comprising:

receiving an input file in a particular format;

validating the input file;

converting the input file into an intermediate format file; and

generating one or more editions of a work having one or more formats, the one or more editions of the work being generated based on the intermediate format file and a work metadata.

14. The method of Claim 13 further comprising storing the intermediate format file, work metadata and a piece of form metadata associated with the intermediate format file, the form metadata specifying a form of an edition of the work.

15. The method of Claim 13 further comprising distributing the one or more editions of the work.

16. The method of Claim 15, wherein the distribution further comprising providing an edition of the work to a plurality of distribution channels wherein each distribution channel receives a different edition of the work.

17. The method of Claim 15, wherein the distribution further comprises providing the editions to a web site wherein the one or more editions of the work are available for download from the web site.

18. The method of Claim 15, wherein the distribution further comprises distributing the one or more editions of the work to a wireless device.

19. The method of Claim 15, wherein the distribution further comprises distributing the one or more editions of the work over a Bluetooth communications link.

20. The method of Claim 13 further comprising storing one or more templates that transform the intermediate format file into an edition of the work.

21. The method of Claim 20, wherein the template further comprises an XSLFO style sheet.

22. The method of Claim 13, wherein an edition of the work further comprises an edition containing a subset of the work metadata associated with the intermediate format file.

23. The method of Claim 13 further comprising collecting feedback about the editions of the work that are stored in the storage device.

24. The method of Claim 23, wherein the feedback for an edition further comprises one or more of a number of copies of an edition sold, a sales price of an edition, a geographic distribution of the edition and a demographics of final users of the edition.

25. A system for collecting and distributing an edition of a work, comprising:

means for receiving an input file in a particular format, the receiving means further comprising means for validating the input file and means for converting the input file into an intermediate format file;

a storage device comprising means for storing the intermediate format file and means for storing a piece of work metadata associated with the input file; and

means for generating one or more editions of a work having one or more formats, the one or more editions of the work being generated based on the intermediate format file and the work metadata.

26. The system of Claim 25, wherein the storage device further comprises means for storing a piece of form metadata associated with the intermediate format file, the form metadata specifying a form of an edition of the work.

27. The system of Claim 25 further comprising means for distributing one or more editions of the work.

28. The system of Claim 27, wherein the distribution means further comprising a plurality of distribution channels wherein each distribution channel receives a different edition of the work.

29. The system of Claim 27, wherein the distribution means further comprises a web site into which the one or more editions of the work are loaded wherein the one or more editions of the work are available for download from the web site.

30. The system of Claim 27, wherein the distribution means distributes the one or more editions of the work to a wireless device.

31. The system of Claim 27, wherein the distribution means distributes the one or more editions of the work over a Bluetooth communications link.

32. The system of Claim 25 further comprising means for storing one or more templates that transform the intermediate format file into an edition of the work.

33. The system of Claim 32, wherein the template further comprises an XSLFO style sheet.

34. The system of Claim 25, wherein an edition of the work further comprises an edition containing a subset of the work metadata associated with the intermediate format file.

35. The system of Claim 25 further comprising means for gathering feedback about the editions of the work that are stored in the storage device.

36. The system of Claim 35, wherein the feedback for an edition further comprises one or more of a number of copies of an edition sold, a sales price of an edition, a geographic distribution of the edition and a demographics of final users of the edition.